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AGENDA October 18th, 2015

6:30-6:40 p.m. Welcoming Remarks

Walter Koroshetz, M.D.

Director of the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke

6:40-7:15 p.m. Super-resolution optical microscopy of mutant Huntingtin

W.E. Moerner, Ph.D.

Harry S. Mosher Professor in Chemistry, Stanford University, Nobel Laureate in Chemistry 2014

7:15-7:35 p.m. Opportunities in cryoEM and cryoET in cell and molecular biology

Wah Chiu, Ph.D.

Professor, Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, Baylor College of Medicine

7:35-7:55 p.m. Architecture of the synaptotagmin-SNARE machinery for calcium

triggered exocytosis of synaptic vesicles

Dr. Axel Brunger, Ph.D.

Professor of Molecular and Cellular Physiology, Stanford University

7:55-8:15 p.m. Cryo EM structure of IP3 receptor

Dr. Irina Serysheva, Ph.D.

Associate Professor Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, UT Health Medical School, the University of Texas

8:15-8:35 p.m. EPR of protein aggregates

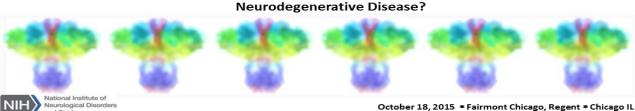
Dr. Ralf Langen, Ph.D.

Professor, Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology University of

Southern California

8:35-10:00 p.m. Poster Presentations and Reception

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POSTER PRESENTATIONS

1. Familial PD mutations raise the susceptibility to prion-like aggregation by destabilization of the α-synuclein native tetramer.

Tim Bartels*, John Sanderson, Nora Kim, Erica Grignaschi, Ulf Dettmer. Ann Romney Center for Neurologic Diseases, Brigham and Women's Hospital and Harvard Medical School, Boston, MA.

2. Pathological tau induces inflammasome activation and neuroinflammation relevant to Alzheimer's disease

Kiran Bhaskar*¹, Shanya Jiang¹, Jessica Binder¹, Walter Duran¹, Crina Floruta², Stephen Jett³, and Eicke Latz⁴. ¹Department of Molecular Genetics and Microbiology, University of New Mexico; ²Department of Neurosciences, University of New Mexico; ³Health Sciences Center Electron Microscopy Facility, University of New Mexico; ⁴Division of Infectious Diseases and Immunology, University of Massachusetts Medical School.

3. Developing novel α -synuclein binding peptides to identify, monitor, and inhibit α -synuclein fibril formation.

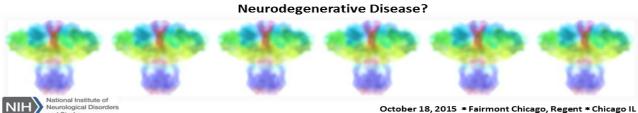
Anthony R. Braun*¹, Daniel R. Woldring, Benjamin Hackel, and Michael K. Lee^{1,2}. ¹Department of Neuroscience, ²Center for Neurodegenerative Disease, Institute for Translational Neuroscience, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis MN.

4. The 2.2-angstrom resolution crystal structure of the carboxy-terminal region of ataxin-3.

Meewhi Kim*^{1,3}, Vladimir A. Zhemkov^{1,2}, Anna A. Kulminskaya^{1,2}, and Ilya B. Bezprozvanny^{1,3}. ¹Laboratory of Molecular Neurodegeneration, St Petersburg State Polytechnical University, Polytechnicheskaya, 29, St. Petersburg, 195251, Russian Federation, ²Laboratory of Enzymology, National Research Center «Kurchatov Institute», B.P. Konstantinov Petersburg Nuclear Physics Institute, Orlova roscha, Gatchina, 188300, Russian Federation, ³Physiology, University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center, Dallas, TX.

- Misfolding and self-assembly of full-size amyloid beta proteins.
 Yuri L. Lyubchenko*, Mohtadin Hashemi, Yuliang Zhang, and Zhengjian Lv.
 Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences, University of Nebraska Medical Center, Omaha, NE.
- 6. Small angle neutron scattering reveals the assembly of alpha-synuclein in lipid membranes.

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Hugh O'Neill* and Divina Anunciado. Biology and Soft Matter Division, Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Oak Ridge, TN.

- 7. Studying alpha-synuclein structures using semisynthetic proteins E. James Petersson*, Department of Chemistry, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA.
- 8. Structure of the toxic core of alpha synuclein fibrils.

 Smriti Sangwan*¹, Jose A. Rodriguez¹, Magdalena I. Ivanova¹, Michael R. Sawaya¹, Duilio Cascio¹, Francis E. Reyes², Dan Shi², , Elizabeth L. Guenther¹, Lisa M. Johnson¹, Meng Zhang¹, Lin Jiang¹, Mark A. Arbing¹, Brent L. Nannenga², Johan Hattne², Julian Whitelegge³, Aaron S. Brewster⁴, Marc Messerschmidt⁵, Sebastien Boutet⁵, Nicholas K. Sauter⁴, Tamir Gonen², and David S. Eisenberg¹. ¹Howard Hughes Medical Institute, UCLA-DOE Institute, Departments of Biological Chemistry and Chemistry and Biochemistry, UCLA, Los Angeles, CA, ²Howard Hughes Medical Institute, Janelia Research Campus, 19700 Helix Drive, Ashburn, VA, ³NPI-Semel Institute, 760 Westwood Plaza, UCLA, Los Angeles, CA. ⁴Physical Biosciences Division, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, Berkeley, CA. ⁵Linac Coherent Light Source, SLAC National Accelerator Laboratory, Menlo Park, CA.
- 9. Linking the conformational landscape of Huntingtin species with neuronal toxicity reveals a requirement of the polyQ-flanking regions for proteostasis in Huntington's Disease.

Koning Shen*¹, Barbara Calamini², Jonathan Fauerbach¹, Boxue Ma³, Don Lo², Wah Chiu³, and Judith Frydman¹. ¹Department of Biology, Stanford University; ²Department of Neurobiology, Duke University; ³Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, Baylor College of Medicine.

10. Biophysical-basis for alpha-synuclein induced perturbations to membrane shape and mechanics.

Jonathan Sachs*. Department of Biomedical Engineering, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis MN.

11. Structure-function analyses of the E3 ubiquitin ligase parkin Wolfdieter Springer*, Fabienne C. Fiesel, and Thomas R. Caulfield. Department of Neuroscience, Mayo Clinic, Jacksonville, FL.

12. A membrane proximal helix in the cytosolic domain of the human APP interacting protein SorLA/LR11 deforms liposomes

Fang Tian*, Richard L. Gill, Jr., and Xingsheng Wang. Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, College of Medicine, Pennsylvania State University, Hershey, PA.